

bill to help ease its implementation. The first just deals with the operative date. Since this bill was introduced last year it had an operative date of January 1, 1980. Obviously, since it is now February 19, 1980, that is not possible. So it defers the operative date until September 1. That would be two months after the session. So the first amendment deals with the question of the operative date. Amendment two deletes a section that....section 5 which would have required that if a husband and wife were both retired certified teachers, only the one receiving the larger total would be eligible for the supplemental benefit. In striking the section both husband and wife, if they satisfy eligibility requirements, could receive the supplemental benefit. The fiscal impact according to the actuary is considered insignificant, but by eliminating this section some of the administrative problems for the Public Employee Retirement Board would be eliminated. So the bill originally said that if you had two spouses, only one would receive the supplemental benefit. This indicates that both could receive it if both are eligible, and amendment three clarifies the treatment of beneficiaries so that the beneficiary could receive the supplementary benefit based on the option selected by the retired member. Those are three things that were suggested by the actuary after visiting with Ken Steinmiller and the Public Employees Retirement Board. They have no major fiscal impact on the bill. The fiscal note is still the same as before, and it makes the operative date September 1, 1980. So I would move for adoption of those amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Fowler amendments to LB 228. Senator Fowler is closing. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the adoption of the Fowler amendments to 228. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to adopt, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendments are adopted. Now what do we do with the bill, Senator Fowler?

SENATOR FOWLER: Hopefully advance it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance 228 to E & R for Review. All those in.....Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I have a small feeling this falls on deaf ears, but I am happy that Senator Lewis noted that I have